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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF US DECISION RE ARMS FOR SOMALIA

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT THAT IN RESPONSE
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2. EMBASSY SHOULD ADD THAT USG BELIEVES POLICY WHICH SUCCEEDS IN ASSISTING SOMALI DIPLOMATIC REORIENTATION REQUIRES COORDINATION AMONG THOSE WHO ARE OR MAY RESPOND TO GSDR APPEALS FOR ARMS. WE HOPE ALL PARTIES WHO AGREE TO SUPPLY GSDR WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ACCESS TO WESTERN ARMS ULTIMATELY INCOMPATIBLE WITH SOVIET USE OF SOMALI MILITARY FACILITIES AT BERBERA AND ELSEWHERE. IF HOST GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR VIEW OF VALUE OF COORDINATION, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP HOST GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF OUR PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND ASK THAT HOST GOVERNMENT DO THE SAME.

3. EMBASSY MAY ADD THAT US ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM VISITED GSDR IN LATE MAY-EARLY JUNE. WE EXPECT TO SEND FOLLOW UP DESIGN TEAM TO MOGADISCIO SHORTLY TO PUT TOGETHER PROJECT IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. WE ALSO ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF A PL-480 PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA. VANCE

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